

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

**IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION
OPIATE LITIGATION**

MDL No. 2804

This document relates to:

*All MDL Tribal Cases (other than the Tribal
Bellwether Cases)*

Hon. Dan Aaron Polster

**DISTRIBUTORS' OPPOSITION TO
PLAINTIFFS' TRIBAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE'S MOTION
TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR TRIBES TO FILE SHORT FORM COMPLAINTS**

Defendants AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and McKesson Corporation (collectively, “Distributors”) respectfully submit that there is no reason the Tribal Plaintiffs should require more time to file short-form complaints than the other plaintiffs. The Court provided an extension until March 16 so that plaintiffs could make use of the ARCOS data to add or remove defendants. The Tribal Plaintiffs offer no explanation why they could not do that by March 16 (or why they waited until March 14 to say they could not). They suggest they need more time because “the Tribal Bellwether Complaints are more appropriate for incorporation by reference by Tribal Plaintiffs than those in the *Summit County Complaint*.” Motion at 2. Be that as it may, incorporation by reference is a simple process, and it should only serve to lessen, not add to, the time needed by the Tribal Plaintiffs. In no event does mere incorporation by reference of other allegations require **60** days.

The Court should deny the motion.

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